

Listing of Claims/Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims that follows will replace all prior versions in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~A partly closed air-suspension system designed as a partly closed system for a vehicle, in which system intake of air from the atmosphere and/or venting of air to the atmosphere can take place as needed, and which ~~has~~the system comprising at least one first component (4) ~~provided within~~ communication with the atmosphere, ~~characterized in that the~~said at least one first component (4) ~~serves~~being constructed and arranged exclusively for intake of air from the atmosphere, and in that there is ~~provided~~ at least one second component (2) ~~provided within~~ communication with the atmosphere, ~~which~~said at least one second component servesbeing constructed and arranged exclusively for venting of compressed air to the atmosphere.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein the~~said at least one second component (2) ~~is equipped with~~includes a at least one valve device (20, 220, 29).

3. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that wherein the~~said at least one valve device (20, 220, 29) ~~functions as~~is an overpressure-safety valve.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to claim 2 or 3, ~~characterized in that, further including~~ an air dryer (21) ~~is provided, and in that the~~wherein said at least one valve device (20, 220, 29) ~~functions~~is constructed and arranged to vent compressed air to the atmosphere during a process of regeneration of the said air dryer (21).

5. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims claim 1, characterized in that there is provided further~~ comprising a compressed-air delivery device (1) having an intake side and an outlet side, and ~~in that the~~wherein said at least one second component (2) is disposed on ~~the~~said outlet side of ~~the~~said compressed-air delivery device ~~(1)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said at least one second component includes at least one valve device having an inlet port, and thesaid compressed-air delivery device (1) is ~~provided~~includes an outlet port on thesaid outlet side, with ~~an~~said outlet port (106), which ~~allows delivered~~ being constructed and arranged to permit delivered air to flow out, and ~~is~~said outlet port being in communication with ~~an~~said inlet port (223) of ~~the~~said at least one valve device ~~(20)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to ~~at least one of claims claim 5, or 6, characterized in that further comprising an air dryer (21) is provided~~ disposed on thesaid outlet side of ~~the~~said compressed-air delivery device ~~(1)~~.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising at least one throttle (212, 28) is provided or can be connected between thesaid compressed-air delivery device (1) and ~~the~~said air dryer (21).

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said compressed-air delivery device includes an outlet port on said outlet side and thesaid at least one throttle (212, 28) is in communication ~~or can be placed in communication with the~~said outlet port (106) of ~~the~~said compressed-air

delivery device~~(1)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to claim 8 ~~or 9, characterized in that~~wherein said at least one second component includes at least one valve device, and thesaid at least one throttle (212) can beis interposedinterposable between said compressed-air delivery device and said air dryer by means of thesaid at least one valve device~~(20)~~.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterized in thatwherein thesaid at least one first component (4) has a first port (42) for communication with the atmosphere and thesaid at least one second component (2) has a second port (215), constructively separated from thesaid first communicating port (42), for communication with the atmosphere.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to claim 11, ~~characterized in that the~~wherein said at least one second component includes at least one valve device, and said second communicating port (215) is designedconstructed and arranged as thea vent port of asaid at least one valve device~~(20, 220, 29)~~.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to ~~at least one of claims~~claim 2 to 12, characterized in thatwherein said at least one the valve device (20, 220, 29) is designedconstructed and arranged as a directional control valve having at least two valve positions.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that the valve device (10, 220, 29) has~~wherein said at least two valve positions include onea normal fluid passing position and onea fluid ventventing

position as valve positions.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to ~~at least one of claims claim 7 to 14, characterized in that the~~wherein said at least one second component includes at least one valve device and said air dryer includes an air dryer inlet port and an air dryer outlet port, said air dryer inlet port and said air dryer outlet port being in communication with said at least one valve device, and whereby air flows through the~~said~~ air dryer (21) ~~from an~~said air dryer inlet port to an~~said air dryer outlet port, both the inlet port and the outlet port being in communication respectively with a port (224, 225) of the valve device (20).~~

16. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to ~~claim 14 or 15, characterized in that~~wherein said at least one valve device includes inlet and outlet ports and a vent port, and the~~said at least one valve device (20) in its normal passing position (i) permits a compressed-air flow with a relatively large passage cross section from the~~said inlet port (223) to an~~said outlet port (224) and (ii) shuts off venting from the port (225) to the~~through said vent port (215) when said at least one valve device is in said normal fluid passing position.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to ~~at least one of claims claim 14 to 16, characterized in that the~~wherein said at least one valve device includes inlet and outlet ports and a vent port, and said at least one valve device (20) in its vent position permits (i) a throttled compressed-air flow with relatively small passage cross section from the~~said inlet port (223) to the~~said outlet port (224) and permits (ii) venting of the~~said compressed air that has flowed through the~~said air dryer (21) from the port (225) to the~~through said vent port (215) when said at least one valve device is in said fluid venting~~

position.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to at least one of claims ~~claim~~ 14 to 17, ~~characterized in that the~~wherein said at least one valve device includes inlet and outlet ports and a vent port, and said at least one valve device (20) has, as a further valve position, said further valve position being a throttled fluid passing position in which (i) permitting a throttled compressed-air flow from the~~said~~ inlet port (223) to the~~said~~ outlet port (224) is permitted with a relatively small passage cross section and (ii) shutting off venting from the port (225) to the~~through said vent port (215) is shut off.~~

19. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to claim ~~17 or 18~~16, ~~characterized in that the~~wherein (i) said fluid venting position permits compressed-air flow having a small passage cross section, (ii) said at least one valve device has a further valve position, said further valve position being a throttled fluid passing position permitting compressed-air flow also having a small passage cross section, and (iii) a ratio between the~~relatively~~said large passage cross section and the~~relatively~~said small passage cross section is at least 25:1.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to at least one of claims ~~claim~~ 2 to 19, ~~characterized in that the~~wherein said at least one valve device (20, 220, 29) ~~can be actuated~~is actuatable by compressed air.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to claim 20, ~~characterized in that the~~wherein said compressed-air delivery device includes an outlet port, and pressure at the~~said~~ outlet port (106) of the~~said~~ compressed-air delivery device (1) is used for~~effects~~ compressed-air actuation of the~~said at least one valve device~~ (20, 220, 29).

22. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The air-suspension system according to at least one of ~~claims~~claim 2 to 21, ~~characterized in that the~~wherein said at least one valve device ~~(20, 220, 29)~~ is a ~~constituent~~part of a combined air-discharge/dryer device (2), ~~which contains~~including at least one air dryer (21) ~~besides the valve device (20, 220, 29).~~